

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, this spring several organizations, including Downtown Austin Alliance, the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, and others, convened a group that included individuals with lived experience, social justice advocates, social service providers, representatives from the business sector, selected other community members, and City staff to participate in focused conversations related to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, this Summit to Address Unsheltered Homelessness in Austin (the “Summit”) facilitated a community focus on rehousing an additional 3,000 individuals beyond current service levels over the next three years, building on the existing community investments in homelessness to help build out a system for rehousing those experiencing homelessness as a path to achieving net effective zero homelessness in Austin, and realizing equity and justice in both the results sought as well as in the work to achieve those results; and

WHEREAS, the estimated costs associated with building out the system necessary to achieve the goals are \$515.1 million; and

WHEREAS, based on an understanding that approximately \$222.1 million of additional funding has already been committed or is anticipated, there is a goal of identifying public funding and raising philanthropic dollars for a total additional investment of approximately \$300 million; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2021, in Resolution No. 20210520-039, Council initiated amendments to the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint to reflect the following goals, consistent with those set out above:

- Unlock 3,000+ homes by 2024 through a collaboration between local governments, businesses, and philanthropy with the goal of significantly reducing Austin's unsheltered population. Such a collaboration would

rehouse those living in encampments equitably and set a course to reach equilibrium on unsheltered homelessness in which the homelessness response system has a rehousing intervention within 30 days for all persons experiencing homelessness.

- Secure 2,300 rental units in the market using landlord incentives.
- Provide capital funds for at least 350 Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units per year beginning in FY2022; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2021, Council conditionally approved approximately \$100 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding towards homelessness and the City Manager was directed to, among other action items, designate appropriate City staff from Financial Services, Austin Public Health, and the Homeless Strategy Office to review the information created within the Summit to affirm or revise financial assumptions, funding recommendations, and other related information; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to facilitate, support, promote and work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders, businesses, non-profits, neighboring City and County partners, and any others appropriate, without seeking to take over leadership and with resources otherwise designated for this purpose, to help achieve the community goals of meeting the challenge of homelessness, including, but not limited to, mental health service support, intervention, and supportive housing, as adopted by the Summit to Address Unsheltered Homelessness, including housing an additional 3,000 people in three years, building out a system to rehouse those experiencing homelessness, and achieving equity and justice in the results and in the work to achieve those results.

ADOPTED: _____ 2021 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk